

Nyingwom language

The **Nyingwom** or **Kam language** is a Niger-Congo language spoken in eastern Nigeria. Blench (2019) lists speakers residing in the main villages of Mayo Kam and Kamajim in Bali LGA, Taraba State.^[3] Lesage reports that Kam is spoken in 27 villages of Bali LGA.^[4]

Nyingwom was labeled as branch "G8" in Joseph Greenberg's Adamawa language family proposal. The precise classification of Kam is a matter of current research.

Speakers refer to themselves and their language as *Nyí ηwòm*. Kamajim (Kam: *àngwǒg jí* 'house of the people') is the traditional capital of the Kam at the western foothills of a mountain range situated to the north of the Kam River. The Kam have historically been in extensive contact with the Kororofa Jukun.^[4]

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Distribution

Kam or Nyingwom is spoken by approximately fewer than 5,000 speakers in the settlements of:^[5]

- Sarkin Dawa (70)
- Mayo Kam (150)
- Garin Hamza (700)
- Din Kamaajin A, B, C, D (3,000)
- Garin Laa (300)
- Garin Bandari (300)

However, Jakob Lesage estimates 20,000-25,000 speakers in 27 villages in May 2017.^[4]

Unlike many other Niger-Congo languages, Kam does not have a noun class system.

Further reading

- Lesage, Jakob. 2019. Selected Kam documentation (with audio) (https://lacito.vjf.cnrs.fr/pangloss/corpus/list_rsc.php?lg=Kam&name=kam). Pangloss Collection: An archive for endangered

Nyingwom	
Kam	
<i>Àngwòm</i>	
Pronunciation	[ɲí ηwòm]
Region	eastern Nigeria
<div>Native speakers</div>	(5,000 cited 1993) ^[1]
<div>Language family</div>	<div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Savanna<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nyingwom</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kdx
Glottolog	kamm1249 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kamm1249) ^[2]

Nyí ηwòm	
Person	nyí ηwòm
Country	àbìbì nyí ηwòm

languages.

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External links

- Kam (<http://llacan.vjf.cnrs.fr/AdaGram/wom.html>), by Jakob Lesage. AdaGram.
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